

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003. Claims 1, 3, 10-16, and 18 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 19-24 have been added. Claims 1 and 2-24 are pending in the application.

Claim Objections

The Office Action has objected to claims 4-8 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The Examiner states that “a media drive” is claimed in claim 1, line 2. Applicant respectfully points out that claim 1, line 2 recites “a drive bay housing configured to receive a media drive (emphasis added).” The actual media drive is not claimed as part of the system unit of claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 4 may properly add the further limitation of a media drive to the elements recited in claim 1 and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.75(c). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objection as to claims 4-8.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

The Office Action has rejected claims 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Rezniko et al. (U.S. Patent 6,067,225) (hereinafter “Rezniko”). Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections.

Rezniko does not disclose, teach, or suggest “a connector at a rear surface thereof and a latching member secured to said rear surface, the latching member comprising a plate including formations to enable securing of the latching member to the rear surface of the media drive and an integral resilient latching projection (emphasis added)” as recited in amended claim 10. The Examiner states:

Regarding claims 10-17, Rezniko et al disclose in figures 1-5, a latching member 56 to be secured to a rear surface of a media drive 24, the latching

member 56 comprising a plate 57 including formations to enable securing of the latching member 56 to the rear surface of the media drive 24 and an integral resilient latching projection 61,62; the latching member 56 is operable to latch behind a detent 49 of the media drive bay 21 when the media drive 24 is received by a media drive bay 21. (Office Action, page 3).

However, the rear surface of the disk drive 24 (provided with the plug 31) taught by Reznikov does not have a latching member. In addition, Reznikov does not disclose formations on slide 57 which enable the latching member to be secured to any surface of the media drive. Applicant believes amended claim 10 and claims 11-13 dependent on claim 10 are allowable for at least the above stated reasons.

Furthermore, Reznikov does not disclose, teach, or suggest “a connector at a rear surface thereof and being modified by the provision of a latching member, the latching member comprising a plate including formations to enable securing of the latching member to the rear surface of the media drive and an integral resilient latching projection” as recited by amended claim 14. For similar reasons as stated above in reference to claim 10, Applicant believes amended claim 14 and claims 15-17 dependent on claim 14 are allowable.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-7, 9, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho (U.S. Patent No. 6,061,232) (hereinafter “Ho”) in view of Schmitt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,222) (hereinafter “Schmitt”) in further view of Rezniko. Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections.

Neither Ho, Schmitt, nor Rezniko disclose, teach, or suggest “which resilient tongue is operable to urge onto a received media drive” as recited in amended claim 1. The Examiner states:

Schmitt et al show resilient tongue portion 420 integral with the media drive bay housing, which resilient tongue 420 is operable to urge onto a received media drive. The drive bay housing of Reznikov et al show a detent portion 49 for latching a resilient latch 56 attached to the media drive unit 24. (Office Action, pages 3-4).

However, Schmitt does not disclose a resilient tongue operable to urge onto a received media drive, but instead discloses:

Electrical contact between the grounding clips 410 and the frame 200 (of FIG. 2A) is maintained by two resilient contacts 420 (only one of which is illustrated) that extend laterally from a side wall of the chassis carrier 234 to contact corresponding lances 201, 203, 205, 211, 213, 215, of the frame 200 (emphasis added). (Schmitt, col. 7, lines 35-40).

The resilient contacts of Schmitt extend away from the side wall of the chassis carrier to contact the corresponding lances. Therefore, the resilient contacts of Schmitt are not “operable to urge onto a received media drive” as recited in amended claim 1. In addition, Schmitt does not teach “the resilient tongue applies pressure on an inserted media drive to press the media drive against the support surfaces” as recited in amended claim 1. Applicant believes amended claim 1 and claims 3-7 and 9 dependent on claim 1 are allowable for at least the above stated reasons.

In addition, neither Ho, Schmitt, nor Rezniko disclose, teach, or suggest “resilient tongue means for urging onto a received media drive” as recited in claim 18. For similar reasons as stated above, Applicant believes claim 18 is also allowable.

New Claims

New claims 19-20 are dependent on claim 10 and are believed allowable for at least the above reasons. In addition, new claims 21-24 recite features which are similar

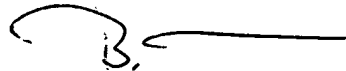
to those discussed above with regard to claims 1 and 10, and are thus believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501505\5681-09000\BNK.

Respectfully submitted,



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